

H-961

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

T. HIROSE et al

Serial No. 09/774,723

Group Art Unit: 2876

Filed: February 1, 2001

Examiner: D. Lee

For: POLISHING PAD SURFACE CONDITION EVALUATION METHOD AND AN

APPARATUS THEREOF AND A METHOD OF PRODUCING A

SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

December 16, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 15, 2002, the Applicants elect Group II, claims 5-8 and 16-19, without traverse.

Examination of these claims is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any payment due, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417, including any Extension of Time Fees that may be necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

Stanger Registration No.

ttorney for Applicant(s) 8

MATTINGLY, STANGER & MALUR, P.C. 1800 Diagonal Road, Suite 370 Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Telephone: (703) 684-1120(703) 684-1157

Facsimile: Date: December 16, 2002 CERTIFICATE OF MAII ING

I hereby cer deposited with class mail in ar Commis

s being ce as first